Non-Utilisation of Funds Allocated for Inland Waterways

3119. Dr. MOHAN BABU: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that half of the funds allocated for inland waterways remained unutilised during the Eight Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken to utilise the funds in 1996-97 being the last year of the plan?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T. G. VENKATRAMAN): (a) Against the 8th Plan allocation of Rs. 132.20 crores provided for the Inland Waterways Authority of India the actual funds allocated in various Annual Plans upto 1995-96 were Rs. 32.45 crores. Out of this allocation, Rs. 20.79 crores have been spent so far.

(b) The reasons for low utilisation of funds are mainly attributable to inadequate availability of trained manpower and time taken in carrying out field data collection, techno-economic studies and the detailed preparation of schemes.

(c) The Inland Waterways Authority of India has made a comprehensive review in 1995-96 and preparation of schemes has been expedited. The IWAI is now geared upto undertake all the schemes envisaged in the Annual Plan 1996-97.

बुनकरों की कठिनाइयां

3120. श्री जनार्दन यादव: क्या वस्त्र मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या बिहार, आंध्र प्रदेश, कर्नाटक, तमिलनाडु गुजरात और महाराष्ट्र के मुख्य मंत्रियों ने बुनकरों की कठिनाइयों के बारे में सरकार को सूचित किया है:

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है और सरकार द्वारा इस संबंध में क्या कार्रवाई की गई है; और

(ग) क्या सरकार जनता कापड़ा योजना को चरणबद्ध रुप से समाप्त करने का विचार रखती है और यदि हां, तो जनता कपड़ा योजना का स्थान लेने हेतु तैयार की गई वैकल्पिक योजना का ब्यौरा क्या है?

वस्त्र मंत्री (श्री आर. एल. जालप्पा): (क) जी नहीं।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

(ग) जी हां। जनता कपड़ा योजना को समाप्त किया जा रहा है और इसके स्थान पर प्रोजेक्ट पैकेट योजना, विकेन्द्रीकृत प्रशिक्षण योजना जैसी योजनाऐं तैयार की गई हैं।

Inter-State multi-purpose projects in Orissa

3121. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be
pleased to state:

(a) the ongoing inter-State multi-purpose projects and the original estimate cost thereof;

(b) the amount spent on those projects so far (year-wise);

(c) the progress of those projects as on the 31st March, 1996; and

(d) the steps taken to expedite those projects?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) The State of Orissa is concerned only with one inter-state multipurpose project namely, Subernarekha Multipurpose Project, a jint venture of Bihar, Orissa and West Bengal. It envisages irrigation in a Culturable Command Area of 154802 hectares in Bihar, 90,000 hectares in Orissa and 5,000 hectares in West Bengal and a storage of 463 mm3 for flood moderation in this States. The Project of Bihar was originally accepted by the Advisory Committee in 1982 for an estimated cost of Rs. 480.90 crores. The revised estimate for Rs. 1428.82 crores has been accepted by the Advisory Committee in December, 1992. The State Government is required to obtain environment, forest and rehabilitation & resettlement clearances. In addition the Subernarekha Irrigation Project in Orissa was originally accepted by the Advisory Committee in 1982 for Rs. 221.68 crores. The revised estimate of the project has been approved by the Advisory Committee in August, 93 for an amount of Rs. 1013.68 crores. This project has also been given investment clearance by the Planning Commission in December, 1995 The West